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UNO senior aids tsunami victims while teaching grade-school kids

ANGI SADA SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Children from Kellom Elementary School, with guidance from UNO senior Jerrad Jones, collected more than \$1,000 for the tsunami-ravaged people of Southeast Asia and the nearby Indian Ocean's coastal

This was no small feat for students who, according to Kellom's principal Jo Kubik, tend to fall into the free and reduced lunch income brackets. Set on a busy intersection just north of downtown Omaha and surrounded by construction barriers and gray industrial buildings, Kellom Elementary is one of the most financially challenged schools in Omaha Public Schools.

According to Jones, the money will be given to CARE USA because of a favorable report that he saw on CNN and because CARE made it possible to give their donations directly to tsunami relief.

Jones, a paraprofessional in a sixth grade classroom at the inner city school, decided to bring the idea to Kellom during

"I was at home during the winter break and watched around 20 hours of CNN covering the tsunami. I felt a desire to do something about it and starting formulating plans and options," he he

Aninternational studies major, Jones was also moved by his travels.

"I have been abroad and seen areas of the world that are not the When richest. disasters happen there, it is always worse than here." Iones said

that the fundraiser was an easy sell, especially to the children. To sweeten deal Jones offered to throw a pizza party for the class that collected the most donations.

"They

so innocent and giving that the realized that little ones like themselves lost family



during a trip to the weather torn villages.

UNMC's Dr. K.C. Balagi took this photo

members, toys. They wanted to help and just needed a means in which to do so," Jones said.

Kubiksaid that the students were aware of the fierce waves and the toll it had taken. This motivated them to want to help as

Ja-Nae Robinson, a second grader at Kellom, said that she was saddened by the tsunami's effects.

"They really don't have a place to live because the big wave knocked down all of the houses."

Kubik said, "They had heard about it at home and seen it on TV. The fundraiser student was They motivated.

came together as classrooms, as a team." Second grader Alan Romero said that it

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Student at Scott Village attempts suicide on campus

CRYSTAL R. REID NEWS EDITOR

On March 15, a 19-year-old male student in Scott Village was reported to Omaha Police for attempting suicide. According to the police report, the incident occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m.

According to the police report, the student and his girlfriend had been arguing about his family. He then began to discuss depression and homesickness. He had also been drinking.

'Use of alcohol or other drugs" while depressed increases a person's inclination for suicide Nate Brock said, a counselor at UNO's Counseling Center.

The student took a knife and cut his arm. When his friend tried to take the knife from him, she accidentally cut her hand. She then contacted the police.

When police arrived, the student was in his room. The officer who approached the student stated in the report that the student was agitated and wanted to go to jail. After some prompting, he showed the officer his cut arm. Both students were sent to a hospital for treatment.

Campus Security was also notified and See SUICIDE: Page 3

Controlling the diversity gap: UNO's minority recruitment successes, lessons

CRYSTAL R. REID NEWS EDITOR

Currently, UNO has a diversity gap of at least 8 percent between the African American student population and the African American population of Omaha, according to the 2000

UNO's intent is to eventually mirror the college age minority population of Omaha.

The African American population at UNO for all students, full-time undergraduate, parttime and graduate, is currently at 5.2 percent, according to the 2005 enrollment statistics compiled by the Office of Institutional Research. The Hispanic population is at 2.7 percent and the Asian American population is at 2.5 percent. There are 64 total Native American students, making them the smallest minority group of the 13,690 students enrolled this spring

Non-US resident students are 3.6 percent of the population.

Linda Mannering, director of Institutional Research said that while the Hispanic student population has visibly increased over the past three years, the African American population has hit a plateau of approximately 5 percent.

The complex issue of the recruitment and retention of a diverse population at UNO starts with Recruitment Services and ends with the availability of multicultural

"African American enrollment is a challenging one because of four factors," David Cicotello, director of Recruitment Services, said.

The first one is the number of admissible high school graduates to recruit from.

The other factors are the number of African Americans who go elsewhere, mainly to historically black colleges and universities, the number of admissible students total and finally, that Omaha is a magnet for other schools to recruit students of color.

"Everyone wants the same thing," said James Freeman, reterring to how schools in Chicago, Kansas and Iowa come to Omaha to recruit. Freeman is director of Multicultural Affairs. "That's not an excuse, but at the same time, that is one reason."

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Women's history museum



Crystal R. Reid Several UNO students enjoyed the Women's History Museum set up in the Fireplace Lounge last Wednesday for Women's History Month.

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Faculty survey out this week

The Faculty Survey of Student Engagement will open this week. E-mail invitations will be sent to all full-time faculty and most part-time faculty at UNO.

The survey is the companion survey to the National Survey of Student Engagement. Results from both surveys can be correlated and used in a variety of ways, including assessment, institutional improvement and discussion topics on teaching and learning initiatives. Responses are anonymous, and participation is voluntary.

The e-mail to faculty that contains the necessary password for participation in the survey will have 'subject' and 'from' lines that read as follows:

Subject: UNO Faculty Survey of Student Engagement notice

From: Faculty@fsse.org

Questions about the FSSE should be directed to the UNO Office of Institutional Research at 554-2367.

UNO-edited journal published this month

The first issue of Studies In Media & Information Literacy Education edited at UNO has been published this month.

The issue, co-edited by Michael Hilt and Jeremy Lipschultz, is now available online from the University of Toronto

Hilt and Lipschultz are professors in the UNO School of Communication. Lipschultz also serves as the school's

The refereed journal is in its fifth year as one of the leading peer-reviewed international online publications. Graduate students Jason Axsom and Nicole Schmoll are serving as editorial assistants this year.

Service Learning Fair next Monday

UNO faculty is invited to attend a service learning fair Monday. The fair, cosponsored by the UNO Service Learning Academy and Agencies and Communities Together, will be held at the Thompson Alumni Center from 3 to 5 p.m.

The event will allow faculty to learn how academic service learning can benefit a community agency, meet agency members interested in collaborating with UNO faculty, meet service learning faculty and staff from Omaha area colleges and universities and share ideas for service learning projects.

Participants should bring business cards and a wish list of possible servicelearning projects to exchange.

To register, call 554-2427.

Survey could mean portable DVD player for freshmen

UNO is currently conducting a survey of first-year freshmen and first-year transfer students. All such students received an e-mail regarding the survey in the past

Complete the survey by April 1 and you will automatically be entered to win a portable DVD player with

a seven-inch screen. It plays DVDs, CD-Rs and MP3s.

Campus crime log

COMPILED BY KIMBERLY BRYANT STAFF WRITER

Thursday, March 3, 2005

12:30 p.m. Campus Security received a complaint of possible misuse of university

3:20 p.m. Staff member reported the smell of controlled substance at Scott Village. Suspects identified by Campus Security.

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

2:35 p.m. Campus Security received a complaint of possible misuse of university equipment at the library. Incident occurred at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2005.

Thursday, March 10, 2005

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12:35 p.m. Staff member reported theft of university property from grounds. Incident occurred between Oct. 1, 2003 and 9 a.m., March

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Asian American Heritage Month showcases Asian art, panel discussions and traditional clothing

CRYSTAL R. REID NEWS EDITOR

The UNO Asian Heritage Month's second year started with a panel discussion and a colorful Asian Art exhibit.

"Having this month here at UNO means a lot," said Gretchen Gonzales, secretary for the Asian American Cultural Society.

The UNO Asian American Cultural Society is an infant of an organization with this upcoming summer being its

on the backwall.

third year at UNO.

as student support," Sharif Liwaru

said. Livearu is the advisor for Cultural

Awareness Programs.

Tuesday, On the Asian American society featured a panel discussion about the environment that Asian American students find themselves in. The touched discussion on expectations of immigrantstoAmericanborn Asian Americans and their environment.

According Liwaru, there large group

> of Asian Americans on campus, consisting of Asian Americans that are or are not Asian-born.

events for are running smoothly, Gonzales said.



Crystal R. Reid

Asian art, including vases and figurines, were cultural displayed at the show.

said. "We want to bring the awareness that Asian Americans are present and that we are involved."

Although Asian American month is technically in May, UNO hosts it from the end of March through April to bring it to the student population while the majority of students is still on campus.

The Crystal R. Reid Asian American month Colorful Vietnam traditional clothing was displayed

year

"This

year is just so much

bigger," Conzales

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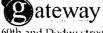
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"It's attainable, it's absolutely our goal," Wade Robinson, associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs said. "I think we've made some good progress through the work that (James) Freeman has done through multicultural affairs."

Over the past semester, multicultural affairs, services and clubs have hosted a series of events and successful open houses that could help recruit and retain students.

"We have to tell the story," Freeman said. "We have something good to say about our university. That we're proud of what we do and how we do it, we're proud of the education we get here. If we tell that, and tell the story, we're more apt to get not all of the minority students, but more of them. All of us are recruiters. Whether it's the faculty, the staff, the students. We are all recruiters.'

Candace Whitehead is an African American freshman at UNO that came to the school from Chicago because many of her friends had spoken positively about their own experience.

"It's a more laid back cit y I can concentrate on school and not worry about a lot of other things."

Sharif Liwaru, director of Cultural Awareness Programs and a UNO alum thinks that the UNO campus is doing better with diversity and fostering a comfortable environment than other campuses.

"I think it's an area we need improvement on," Liwaru said. "But comparatively we're doing well. I know we can be a lot stronger, though. The biggest thing we can do is make it an environment that is inviting to students."

science major from Burundi, said, "I think the environment is more about students

Sinamenye had previously attended a university in Baltimore.

"I like the availability of the computer labs and I think we have good teachers," Sinamenve said.

The issue of minority recruitment surfaced last semester in faculty senate meetings, with several members of the faculty concerned that the administration could do better. Now, faculty senate member Chris Allen is working with Cicotello to develop a strategic plan for faculty involvement in recruiting.

"What we're trying to do is make a plan that is realistic and is measurable,"

He wants the faculty senate to be able to measure progress from year to year according to the specific goals they lay out. The plan will be finalized next week and intended to be presented to the senate in their next meeting.

Cicotello said that many departments and members of the faculty have hosted recruiting events, but have not contacted the recruitment offices. He strongly advocated that events are coordinated with his office so that the appropriate potential student data can be attained.

Robinson said that he does not see the resources for minority recruitment increasing in the next few years, and that the offices are doing the best that they can with the resources that they have.

"I cannot control the resource issue," Cicotello said. " I can only control recruitment efforts with what I have. Would I want more? Yes. Could I put the extra resources to good use? Yes. I think we're doing greater than the resources we have. No one outworks this department."

Freeman strongly Ultimately, Gustav Sinamenye, a com puetnoourages other students to be passionate about their school and their experiences to other community members.

> "I don't think we told our story. I think we got a good university, but sometimes we take ourselves for granted."

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was important to him to help the relief effort because the tsunami split up families.

"Some children lost their moms. Some of them lost their school. I think even some of the moms lost children," he said.

"Their moms and dads lost their families. their food and some of them might be dead. The children might be dead next because they don't have food or water," Robinson

According to Jones and Kubik, the logistics of the event is where the fundraiser got a little complicated.

Jones had first suggested that the children take home their empty, cleaned out milk cartons.

"That idea was shot down. Probably because of possible hygiene issues."

A better plan emerged when his boss at P.F. Changs donated several to go boxes. Jones took the boxes and idea to the students a few grades at a time, eventually talking to all of the students. These students, prekindergarten through sixth grade, collected change from family and friends. Jones emphasized that they were not to ask strangers for donations.

This made it a family project. Kubik believes that this shows the character of the school's families.

They all like to feel like they are helping. They take pride in doing this. It makes them feel special," she said.

Robinson and Romero's class won the pizza party. Both said they were very proud of their efforts. They are excited about the good things that will come to the children of the storm-damaged areas.

"I wanted to send a lot of money so they could get their school back," Romero said.

"I hope they get to wear some clothes and this won't happen again," Robinson

According to a Feb. 19 story covering the visit of former United States presidents Bill Clinton and George H. W. Bush to tsunamistricken areas, www.cbsnews.com said that the tsunamis in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and many other island nations in the area left a death toll reaching nearly 180,000 with an estimated 130,000 people still missing and presumed dead.

According to Jones, students can make contributions directly to CARE USA.

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reported to the scene with the police.

"All we could really do is assist with the wounds. They were minor, so there wasn't much for that," Paul Kosel, assistant manager of campus security, said. "If you see a classmate [that's potentially suicidal], hopefully you would try to get them to the help and services here."

UNO has the Counseling Center and Student Health Services to aid with questions about depressed classmates.

"If someone's actively suicidal, we need to get them to a place where they can receive treatment," Brock said. "If they make a threat, contact their parents and call the police."

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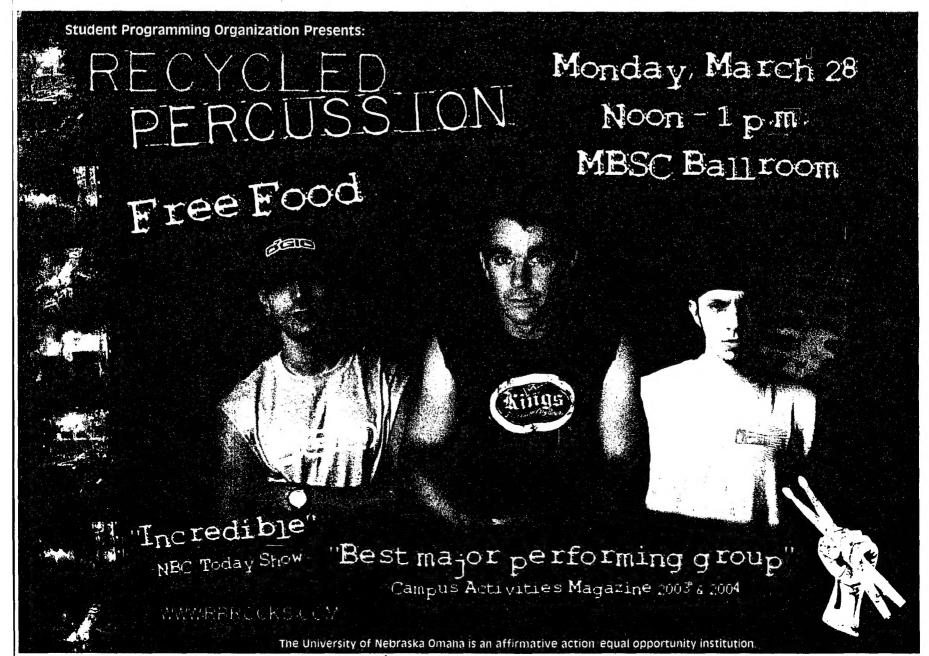
Monday, March 14, 2005

7:27 p.m. Staff member reported the use of a controlled substance at University Village. Omaha Police notified and issued citations to suspects.

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

2:25 a.m. Omaha Police responded to a student's suicide attempt at Scott Village.

2:47 p.m. Student reported the theft of personal property from University Library.



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Best in Class Awards

And the winners are...

Professors:

These professors received the most votes throughout UNO.

Lisa Scherer, Associate Professor, Psychology Tomm Roland, Associate Professor, Music William Corcoran, Associate Professor, Economics Robert Fulkerson, Instructor, Computer Science

Food Court Item: Pizza Parking Lot: UNO Garage Class Time: 10 a.m. **HPER Workout:** Yoga

Restaurants:

Mexican-La Mesa Italian-Olive Garden Asian-China Buffet American-Old Chicago

Bars:

Sports Bar- Icehouse Club-Nico Lounge-1507 Pub-Dubliner

Comedy Club: Funny

Bone

Coffee House: Caffeine Dreams

Record Store: Homers

Salon: T'eez

Bank: First National Bank

Tattoo Parlor: Big Brain

Local Band: The Faint

Venue: Sokol

Beer: Miller Lite

Theater: Oakview AMC 24

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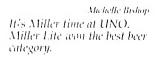
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Josh Bashara Theater employee, Broderick Rodgers, scoops popcorn at Oak View AMC 24. The theater won Best in Class for movie theaters around Omaĥa.





Big Brain Productions looks sharp for Best in Class, tattoo parlors

SARAH LEGG FEATURES EDITOR

There is something about voluntary pain that just attracts us to the tattoo shop. This year's winner for the Best in Class tattoo parlor category was Big Brain.

Big Brain Productions is located in the Old Market downtown at 1123 Jackson St. The shop has four tattoo artists and two piercers.

In the shop there are five open-air tattoo booths and one private piercing room. So when you cry after you get stuck, no one will know.

It is no wonder Big Brain won. The staff is awardwinning and they take pride in their work.

Earlier this month, Big Brain's Nathan Beavers won the best small color award in the Detroit Motor City Expo contest for a traditional flower tattoo he did.

For 2004, artist Chris Blinston won the Gold Star award, which is color artist of the year. The award is voted on by other nominees, which shop owner, Smitty, said is a great

Big Brain has been open for nearly five years. Approximately 200 awards total have been won since their opening.

"We strive to stay on the front-edge of this industry," said Smitty. "We don't get

He attributes their customer service and ability to communicate with customers to why they won Best in Class.

"I think a lot has to do with our presentation and service," he said. "Our work speaks for itself. We enjoy our work."

Starting about five months ago, Big Brain implemented the first ever, and only computer design center. The computer contains a database of more than 20,000 tattoo designs that patrons can look up on one of 10 screens in the waiting area of the shop. The systems is also the first and only



Big Brain, located at 1123 Jackson St. in the Old Market, won the title for Best in Class in the Omaha area. Shop owner Smitty, attributes their win to the quality of customer service and quality of work.

one of its kind that can run multiple screens off of one system, each screen being able to look up something different than the others at the same time.

Designs are printed off and ready to go on the skin, or be customized.

'We'd like to thank the community for their recognition," Smitty said. "It's one thing to do the work, but another to get recognized for it. We try to be better than the best."



Best Buy won the Best in Class for the electronics store category in the 2005 Best in Class awards.

Josh Bashara With two ATMs in the Student Center, Best in Class winner First National Bank provides convenient banking for UNO students.





Caffeine Dreams offers variety, service unmatched by competition

SARAH LEGG EFATURES EDITOR

What started off as a dream for a California couple, has turned into a reality going on its fourth year.

Owners Amber and Eric Goodenough, who had recently moved to Omaha, opened the coffee shop in an old building on Farnam Street that had previously been a bar.

Caffeine Dreams Coffee and Tea won this year's Best in Class award for best coffee shop.

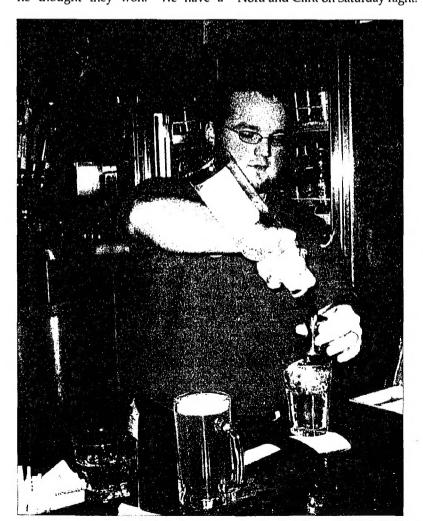
It isn't surprising that they won, because of their well-rounded offerings at fair prices. Not only do they offer coffee and tea, but also sandwiches, soups, smoothies, sodas, wireless Internet and more.

"I think first of all it's our product," said manager Sallah Bensalah of why he thought they won. "We have a tremendous, well-trained staff and the atmosphere is big and well-designed. We draw all kinds of customers." Those customers, he added range from businessmen to med students and college students.

Caffeine Dreams has operated since April of 2001 out of their location at 4524 Farnam St. just west of Saddle Creek Rd. This fabulously decorated place has a patio outside with a Garden of Eden setting to sit and relax while doing homework, chatting with friends or just enjoying some time off with a brew.

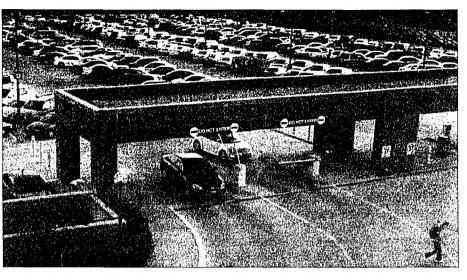
Onsite, they roast their own blends of coffees and other well-known variations of the caffeine backbone of so many peoples' lives.

Each weekend they feature live entertainment. This weekend will be Aaron Nigro on Friday night and Ares Nora and Clint on Saturday night.



Josh Bashara

Bartender, Mark Lindauer, pours an Irish Car Bomb at Old Chicago. The restaurant has more than 100 beer options for patrons to choose from.



Michelle Bishop

The UNO parking garage won the best parking lot category. The location on campus and ease of finding spots contributed to its win.



Crystal R. Reid

Alex Roister (left) and Lindsey Walter chat after enjoying an iced beverege at Caffeine Dreams. The coffee shop has a variety of drinks and reasonable prices.

Four restaurants top the BIC charts

SARAH LEGG FEATURES EDITOR

Omaha has tons of restaurants to chose from. In fact Omaha has the highest number of restaurants per capita than any other city according to numerous sources. This year's Best in Class awards yielded many nominees for the best restaurants in Omaha, but only four could win it.

First up was the Mexican restaurant category. TacoBell, El Aguila and California Taco all had honorable mentions, but La Mesa took the award for the Best in Class. With three locations in the metro-area, La Mesa provides casual, convenient dining for almost anyone in Omaha. La Mesa was started in the mid-nineties by a pair of brothers from Jalisca, Mexico.

La Mesa offers imported and domestic beers, margaritas and an a la carte menu section with reasonable pricing to complement them all. Le Mesa has locations at 110th and Maple St. in Omaha, 829 Tara Plaza in Papillion and at 605 Fort Crook Road N. in Bellevue.

For the Italian category, the Olive Garden stole first place prize from Lo Sole Mio by just three votes. The Olive Garden is a national chain with two locations in Omaha. One is out West at 168th and West Center Rd., and the other is closer to campus at 72nd and Dodge.

Old Chicago topped the cake for the American food category. Their list of 110

brews with the World Beer Tour might have something to do with their win.

Each person who does the World Beer Tour has the opportunity to win prizes like playing cards, coolers and t-shirts by drinking all of the beers at Old Chicago. After completing the tour, they get a sweatshirt and their name on the "wall of foam." They do encourage participants, however, not to try and finish the tour in one night.

Oh yeah, Old Chicago also has pretty good food too. But that's not why you guys picked them as number one, right? Old Chicago has locations downtown, on 144th and Center, 78th and Cass and 132nd and Maple; plenty of locations to show off your résumé as a true drinking connoisseur.

Everybody loves massive quantities of food at all you can eat prices, right? Well, apparently in the Asian food category you did. The China Buffet on 114th and Dodge received the pick for Best in Class for Asian restaurants. This seems like a fair choice, though, for poor college students. Nothing beats a plateful of crab rangoons, egg rolls, beef and broccoli and crab legs for less than \$10, plus the four trips back to the buffet.

In the "other" category, there were nominations such as "my mom's cooking" and "my homemade lasagna" came in, but your one vote just didn't make the cut. Sorry.

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$20 \ \text{Questions}_{\text{ for a UNO student}}$

BECKY BOYER STAFF WRITER

Name: Laura Howard Year: Sophomore Major: Elementary Education

Hometown: Ennis, Texas

1. Describe yourself in five words:

"Caring, outgoing, funny, joyful and impatient.'

2. What is your most proud accomplishment? "Winning second in state for softball."

3. If you were a super hero what powers would you have?

"I'd want to be invisible and fly."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

"Being an elementary school teacher, I'd like to be married, have at least one kid by then, and living back in Texas."

5. Who is your favorite performer right now?

"I like Kelly Clarkson."

6. What is your favorite movie of all time?

"I like Bridget Jones's Diary."

7. Who would win in a fight between Barney and the Teletubbies?

"Barney, because Teletubbies are stupid, I think Barney is smarter."

8. If you had a catch phrase what to be? would it be?

"Why?"

9. What is your favorite book and why?

"I liked To Kill a Mockingbird, because I

liked the plot."

10. What did you do for Spring Break?

"Disney World."

11. What is your favorite cartoon character and why?

"I like Bugs Bunny because he's smart and outwits everyone."

12. What would you change about UNO?

"The parking."

13. What is the best thing about UNO?

"The shuttle buses."

14. What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

"Get here early to park."

15. Do you have anything that you'd like to say to your professors?

16. What person would you like to meet from history and what would you ask

"Marilyn Monroe, 'Why did you kill

17. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

"Texas.'

18. What is your favorite place you've visited?

"Germany."

19. Is UNO the place you really want

"Yeah, I'm good here.".

20. What would you like for us to ask the next person interviewed?

"What's the last thing you had to eat?"

UNO TV's Omaha Since WWII documentary wins national award

SARAH LEGG FEATURES EDITOR

Earlier this semester, UNO Television's documentary, Omaha Since WWII: The Changing Face of the City, was selected as a winner in the Communicator Awards 2004 Video Competition.

The documentary, produced by B.J. Huchtemann and Carl Milone, earned the Award of Excellence.

The Communicator Awards is an international award competition recognizing outstanding work in communication. Industry professionals judge the works. Nearly 3,000 entries were received throughout 48 states, the District of Columbia and seven other countries. The Award of Excellence is given only to works that have the best ability to communicate. Omaha Since WWII was among the 14 percent of entries to earn the Award of Excellence.

The documentary is two hours long and explores Omaha's growth and development since World War II. It takes the viewer through the downtown area in the fifties, civil rights struggles in the sixties and the urban change and riverfront growth of today. There are interviews with history specialists and Omaha residents, including the late Preston Love, who was interviewed approximately one year before his death in February of 2004. Copies on VHS or DVD of the documentary are available for purchase on the UNO Television Web site at unoty.unomaha.edu.

UNO Television is located in the Engineering Building and has made nine documentaries in the past. These documentaries include: If These Walls Could Speak ... Exploring Omaha's Past Through Its Historic Buildings, The Lost City of Bethsaida and The Road to Morocco: Journey to Understanding, among others. UNO TV is currently working on a program with the Henry Doorly Zoo about the zoo's overseas.

UNO TV works with KVNO radio and provides employment for students each semester with experience in the

"It's a good opportunity for students to hone their skills and take them to the real world," B.J. Huchtemann, a producer with UNO TV, said.

During the summer, Onalia Since WWII: The Changing Face of the City will air on KETV Channel 7. The dates will be announced before then. This will be the first time a UNO documentary has aired on one of the affiliate stations.

Look in the news briefs section of The Gateway in the future for the dates of airplay on KETV.

Dining Out for Life to raise money for the Nebraska AIDS Project

CHRIS LARSON
STAFF WRITER

Everyone wants to help out by donating to a charity or volunteering their time, but for college students this brings up factors of money and time they don't have. This Tuesday there will be a great opportunity to help out without emptying your pocketbook or taking up a lot of your time.

Dining Out for Life is an annual fundraising event sponsored by the

Nebraska AIDS Project. On Tuesday, 70 restaurants around the Omaha metro area will donate 25 percent or more of their sales to the Nebraska AIDS Project. This money will then go to educate and possibly help save lives of those living with HIV and AIDS in Nebraska, eastern Wyoming and southwest Iowa.

The Nebraska AIDS Project, which was founded in 1984, operates from six offices across Nebraska and is the only community-based AIDS service organization in Nebraska. The organization has 20 years of experience in HIV prevention and support services.

This will be the fourth year that Dining Out for Life has been up and running in Nebraska and the fifteenth year nationally. The event is now held in 33 cities across the United States each year.

Dining Out for Life was started in Nebraska by Tim Sullivan, executive director of the Nebraska AIDS Project. That first year, there were only nine restaurants participating. This number has grown phenomenally and is now up to 70 restaurants, bars and cafes. In 2004, 46 restaurants participated in this event and raised \$50,000. This year they set their goal at \$60,000.

Nichole West, associate development director for the Nebraska AIDS Project, contributes the great success in participation this year mostly to a "great committee" and by word of mouth in the area. She said that it is a well-run event with many people lending hands to make it go as smoothly as possible.

There will also be volunteer ambassadors at each restaurant that have had training on Dining Out for Life, and will answer questions about the event, handing out red ribbons for everyone to wear and accepting additional donations at the tables.

"There is everything from coffee shops to the French Café," West said and also added that it was an easy way for college students to go about their usual routine and help out at the same time.

West became involved with the Nebraska AIDS project in July of 2004. She graduated with a business degree and decided she didn't want to jump right into a big business, so she got involved with non-profit organizations instead, and the Nebraska AIDS Project "seemed a natural fit," because she believed in what they stood for and liked the programs they offered.

There are also restaurants participating in Gering, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lincoln and Norfolk.

Participating Restaurants

Ahmad's Persian Cuisine, 341-9616, Dinner Bagel Bin, 334-2744, Breakfast Barrett's Barleycorn, 554-5805, Dinner Bene Pizza & Pasta, 498-0700, Dinner Bistro 121, 697-5107, Lunch and Dinner Blue Sushi Sake Grill, 445-2583, Lunch Brazen Head Irish Pub, 393-3731, Lunch and Dinner

Buca Di Beppo, 330-7673, Dinner Cactus Café, 341-3500, Lunch and Dinner CappuGino's Galleria Plaza, 597-3355, Breakfast and Lunch

CappuGino's on the Market, 346-6950, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Cozmos Frozen Custard, 397-5855, Lunch and Dinner

Dixie Quicks Magnolia Room, 346-3549, Breakfast and Lunch

Don Carmelos Pizzeria Downtown, 342-1978, Lunch

Dundee Dell, 553-9501, Lunch and Dinner Ellada, 991-3320, Lunch and Dinner Ellada II, 505-9445, Lunch and Dinner Goldbergs II in Dundee, 556-2006, Dinner Grillhouse Restaurant, 330-8881, Dinner Hiro Sushi, 933-0091, Dinner Indian Oven, 342-4856, Lunch and Dinner IC's Chicago Style Deli, 884-4092, Lunch Julio's North, 572-5223, Dinner Julio's Old Market, 345-6921, Lunch Julio's West, 330-1360, Dinner Katie's Greek Restaurant, 558-5623, Dinner La Casa Pizzaria Midtown, 556-6464, Lunch Le Voltaire French Restaurant, 934-9374, Lunch and Dinner

Lisa's Radial Café, 556-4260, Dinner (100% of proceeds)

Marks, 502-2203 Lunch and Dinner McFoster's Natural Kind Café, 345-7477, Lunch and Dinner

Nicola's Wine and Faire, 345-8466, Dinner Pasta Amore Restaurant, 391-2585, Dinner Petrow's Restaurant, 551-0552, Breakfast Pizza Shoppe & Pub in Benson, 556-9090, Lunch and Dinner

Roja Mexican Grill and Margarita Bar, 333-7652, Lunch

Sprigs, 558-5923, Lunch and Dinner
Sushi Japan/Yakiniku Bay, 778-0840, Dinner
Taste, 884-3175, Lunch and Dinner (50%)
Taxi's Grille & Bar, 898-1882, Lunch and Dinner
The Brass Grille, 342-4010, Lunch
The Deli at Spirit World, 391-8680, Lunch
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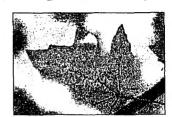


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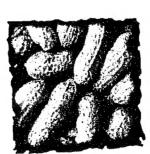
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JOEL HARTUNG
STAFF WRITER

Frances the Mute
The Mars Volta (Universal Records)



Frances the Mute, the follow up to The Mars Volta's breakthrough album *Deloused* in the Comatorium, will change the listener. It rewires the brain, making up become down and bad become good. The retinas fry, causing the world within vision to rot and decay. It is that good.

Frances the Mute is the most bloated musical work I have had the privilege to let seep into my brain. The five-song record spews forth music and noise in equal parts and jumps musical styles more on one song than most artists ever experiment with

in their career. It is epic. It is dirty. It is indescribable, and it is unintelligible. Half of the record is in Spanish (which doesn't hold it back at all); the other half is filled with vivid, horrific, nonsensical language that fits together to paint a bleak and hellish wasteland on a blank canvas. Also, Flea from the Red Hot Chili Peppers plays trumpet, with John Frusciante getting a few great guitar licks on the Latin/jazz/metal song "L'Via L'Viaquez."

At five songs, the album may seem short, but in reality it never seems to end. Topping out at 77 minutes in length, the only song that will ever get radio play off this album is the first single, "The Widow." Everything else is just too long. The last song, "Cassandra Geminni," is more than a half hour by itself.

The Mars Volta does things that no one else would be able to pull off. Frances the

Mute is terrible and beautiful, loud and soothing. While not for everyone, those that can take it will love it.

The Hate Yourself Change Neva Dinova (crank! Records)

A collection of songs with such a consistently melancholic tone, Neva Dinova's *The Hate Yourself Change* almost seems like a parody of the emo culture at times. The last line of the last song, "I've Got a Feeling" repeats as a chorus sings "The world's a shitty place/ and I can't wait to die." This line is followed up after the song is over by a group of people talking happily amongst each other and ends by singer Jake Bellows saying "Just kiddin' world, you know I love you." This pretty much sums up the whole album.

This is not a bad thing, however. The album is sad, but it's enjoyable. It starts slow and picks up in the middle with the excellent "Can't Wait to See You," in which Bellows questions how his family would react to his death, asking "When I go will my mother cry/ Will my brother want to die/ as I'm drinking up an amber stout/ With this God I've heard so much about?"

The lyrical style throughout the whole album is like this – depressing but dotted

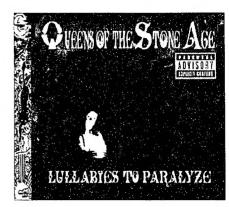
with self-aware jokes that make the album not so sad that it is unlistenable.

Itdoesn'tstop with the lyrics, however, as the musicianship is spectacular. The lead guitar winds in and around the rhythm perfectly, and is especially evident in the pop-rock song "A Picture in Pocket" and the rhythmically charged "She Can't Change."

It is obvious that Neva Dinova had a great time making *The Hate Yourself Change*. Whether the average listener will have as good a time with it depends upon whether they can stomach the disheartened tone that permeates the album. Neva Dinova will be playing today at the Sokol Underground.

Lullabies to Paralyze

Queens of the Stone Age (Interscope Records)



There is something missing from the new Queens of the Stone Age album, *Lullabies to Paralyze*. Actually, there are a few things missing. The first (and most obvious)

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Into The Void



Your bi-weekly report on all things NIN

JOSH BASHARA
ENTERIAINMENT EDITOR

Things are heating up, and it's going to be a great summer to be a Nine Inch Nails fan.

Unless you were one of the lucky few to get bootlegged copies of the three NIN songs that were leaked last month, you may have heard a new song on the radio last week. "The Hand That Feeds" has been in regular rotation over at 89.7 The River for more than a week now.

"THTF" is the first official single from the upcoming NIN album, With Teeth, due in stores May 3. The song has been highly successful, topping the charts at commercial and college radio stations all across the country. The single will be available for purchase on a limited edition CD on April 18, according to Amazon.com. Word on the street is that you can download the single right now from Napster or iThings.

The diligent reporters over at The NIN Hotline (www.theninhotline.com) came across some interesting information about the upcoming full length album: it'll be available in

both regular and Dualdisc versions. The Dualdisc version will be priced approximately \$5 more than the regular, but it will include a Dolby 5.1 mix of the album, photo galleries, lyrics and "THTF" music video. Keep in mind this is all still subject to change.

On the local front, I'm sorry to report that NIN will *not* be coming to Omaha for the spring and summer tours. The closest show to us is Chicago on May 6 and 7, both of which are sold out. In fact, every U.S. tour date announced sold out within minutes. Scalpers are selling tickets on eBay though, if you don't mind paying close to \$400 for a pair. It may be worth it though. For this preliminary U.S. tour, NIN is playing at venues much smaller than it has in the past, which lends itself to a more intimate performance.

If you would prefer to wait, though, there is a pretty good chance that NIN will come to Omaha this fall. A publicist at Interscope Records wouldn't confirm anything, but admitted that the U.S. tour isn't over yet.

The guys at 89.7 The River are giving fans a chance to win tickets, airfare and hotel accommodations to a Chicago NIN show. Listen for the sounder — a NIN song clip — and call in to qualify for the drawing, which will take place on May 2. The drawing will be at the With Teeth listening party at The Drink (10865 W. Dodge Rd, Old Mill), formerly Bourbon Street, formerly Guitars and Cadillacs.



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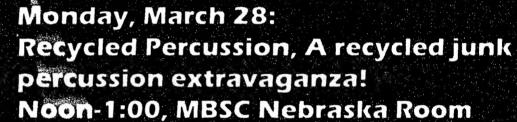
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Armed and Fabulous humor appeals to all ages

REVIEW BY ANGI SADA SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In the world of moving pictures there are great films, like *Life is Beautiful* and *Gone With the Wind*, and then there are

movies. Miss Congeniality 2 is a movie. A greasy-hand-from-popcorn and diet soda movie. In this case it's not a bad thing.

With a large cast of returning characters supporting Sandra Bullock's second go at FBI Special Agent Gracie Hart, MC2 does not try to be anything that it's not. The movie is happy being simple and pleasing in the ease with which it's conveyed. My 10-yearold was impressed and I didn't want to leave after the first 15 minutes. That says something. A movie that possesses humor that is not so basic or so posturing that it alienates people under the age of

20 is a rarity. But one that manages to engage a 10-year-old and a woman in her late-twenties is a seriously endangered species.

Bullock's post-makeover agent is as tight and put together in the funny and endearing way that only she can build a character; even one as occasionally onedimensional as Gracie. Bullock manages to keep Gracie fun and saves her from being trite.

Among the returning characters, is Heather Burns as Miss United States.

She charmed movie-goers with her performance as Miss Rhode Island in the first installment. Burns is, again, the naive and sheltered airhead with the same kind of believability. This character stands above the entire supporting cast in both movies,



Warner Bros. Sandra Bullock is armed and fabulous in Miss Congeniality 2, now playing at

theaters everywhere.

nat manages to despite the fact that, in the real world,

despite the fact that, in the real world, this is the kind of person who would be the butt of a million smoke-break jokes. Perhaps she just floats above the others. She is an airhead after all.

Also jumping back on for the second leg of the tour are William Shatner and Ernie Hudson reprising their roles as the men in Gracie's life, the Miss United States Pageant emcee and her FBI field office's special agent in charge.

Returning writer Marc Lawrence shares the producer's chair with Bullock

as Emmy Award-winning director John Pasquin climbs behind the camera. Lawrence, who really caught his stride with the first *Miss Congeniality*, has bounded back nicely from such intense bombs as the Michael J. Fox flop *Life With Mikey*

and the Goldie Hawn travesty on celluloid *The Out-of-Towners*. Lawrence provides that old "If at first you don't succeed" adage to be more than an old adage.

The plot's burden is deemed almost moot in the face of a great ensemble cast, harvested almost in its entirety from television. New to the ensemble are a host of television stars including "Law & Order's"

Elisabeth Rohm and Treat Williams of "Everwood". But, the coup de' Gracie in these additions is Regina King, formerly of the 1980s sitcom "227". King has earned her Hollywood keep, starring in new classics such as *Boyz N the Hood, Jerry Maguire* and, most recently opposite Jamie Foxx's Academy Award-winning role in *Ray*. Her offering of Special Agent Sam Fuller, while not as deep or weighty as some of her work, provided a mirror for Gracie and helped drive the plot.

Propelled into fame by the Miss USA

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is Nick Oliveri, founding band member and bassist who departed the band last year creating rumors of a breakup. The second thing is Dave Grohl, whose intricate drumming propelled the last Queens of the Stone Age album, *Songs for the Deaf*, to greatness.

That being said, *Lullabies to Paralyze* is not a bad album in any way, shape or form. It just isn't *Songs for the Deaf.* Co-founder Josh Homme is in full control here. Gone are the screaming vocals and driving bass of Oliveri. Unlike previous efforts, Homme takes vocals on almost every track (apart from an appearance by long time Queens contributor Mark Lanegan).

"Little Sister," the first single from *Lullabies*, is a fairly accurate representation of what to expect off the album. Loud crunchy guitars, power chords, perfect rhythm and always - interesting solos. The music is a relentless assault on the ears, with very few slow or soft songs to let the listener recover.

The guest appearances on the album are varied. Shirley Manson from Garbage and Brody Dalle from the Distillers round out vocals on the track "You've Got a Killer Scene." More interesting than that however, is the appearance of Billy Gibbons from ZZ Top on guitar for the song "Burn the Witch."

Lullabies to Paralyze is a worthy follow-up to the spectacular Songs for the Deaf, even if it lacks the spark that that album had. While it suffers from Oliveri's departure and Grohl's absence, it is one of the best albums released so far this year.

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"Star Wars: Clone Wars" cartoon brings new hope for Episode III

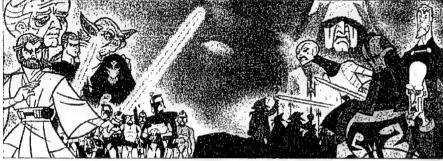
REVIEW BY ANDREW CUMBEE SENIOR STATE WRITER

The hype for Star Wars definitely took a nosedive after the hits that *Episodes* I and II took both by critics and fans. With George Lucas' almost childish handling of his franchise, the first two films in his prequel trilogy isolated almost everyone who loved the original trilogy.

Now, they really aren't all that bad, but to crazed fans who demand perfection, The Phantom Menace and Altack of the Clones totally missed their marks. It's obvious to tell that Episode III isn't getting much early buzz. With only two months left to wait, people camping in front

While it is well-rooted in the Star Wars mythos, the viewer really doesn't need to know anything going in. It's basically nonstop action with an almost-not-there story involving the Siths' attempted takeover of the universe. Story is unimportant with Tartakovsky's direction, however, as any fan of "Samurai Jack" knows. It's straightforward animation with so many cool moments that "Clone Wars" overcomes the obvious nerdiness that should come

The DVD isn't packed with special features but does have a few. It comes with a couple of not-too-revealing featurettes going behind the scenes of



of movie theaters have yet to make an appearance.

Fans should be realizing pretty soon that it's almost over, though. Revenge of the Sith, the final chapter in the Star Wars film series will soon be released and it will hopefully restore the respect deserved to the Star Wars mythos.

Since Episode II, we've been treated to countless video games and books, expanding the universe and helping fans to forget the pain experienced by the love/ hate relationship that they share with Star Wars. But in 2003, fanatics and minor fans alike were treated to something really special. That was the year that the muchtalked-about "Clone Wars" would make it into true story form.

The "Clone Wars" had been hinted at for a long time, but were skipped over in the prequel trilogy. The wars take place between II and III. Lucas then called on Genndy Tartakovsky to make his own version of the story for Cartoon Network. Tartakovsky was working on successful action cartoons "Samurai Jack" and "The Powerpuff Girls," and was thought to have the style needed for a Star Wars cartoon.

The 20 three-minute episodes aired on Cartoon Network and alternately online. After winning an Emmy and the support of fans (and even more importantly, George Lucas), Volume II of "Star Wars: Clone Wars" has kicked off on the channel and cartoonnetwork.com this week. Volume I was also released on DVD this week as a one-hour movie.

For those that missed this first season, it is really worth checking out on video. Volume I and the now-playing Volume II. These aren't really worth anything. There are also a few still galleries with original character designs and posters. There are two director commentaries. Yeah, Genndy couldn't fit all he had to say into one, so he got two. He doesn't really say anything in either one, anyway, though.

The disc also features some previews for upcoming games and has a demo for X-box owners. The main attraction of all of this, however, has to be the new Episode III teaser trailer, which should have any fan drooling.

Nobody will buy the DVD for the special features, but it is definitely something for all fans of the franchise or of animation in general. This is easily one of the coolest things currently out on

Volume II is airing now, and the last episode premieres on TV Friday, with its second premiere online Saturday. This time the show is made up of five 12minute episodes, allowing more storyline to flow through.

There has been no announcement of how long the series is set to run, but it will definitely be ongoing after Revenge of the Sith's release, with the final season leading right into Episode III's story. One thing's for sure: even if you hated Attack

you wanting more and eagerly anticipating final the chapter of Star Wars.

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pageant, Cracie finds herself less and less available for everything, from her failed relationship with Benjamin Bratt's Special Agent Eric Matthews to her snorting laughter.

The paper-thin plot is not dressed up for prom, but instead it is accessorized with all of the baubles and trinkets of light-hearted, if slightly tired, humor. This includes, but is not limited to "Drew Carey Show" standard Diedrich Bader's flamboyant style consultant Joel Meyers being the comic relief, four out of five times.

There is no heavy-handed didactic message, nor is the movie weighed down by a burning desire to be bigger, better or deeper than the original. It is a fun, no-brainer filled with simple and obvious jokes that had the diverse audience bursting into momentary fits of genuine laughter. Not a bad thing at all.

Keeping you updated on file-sharing news around the globe...

COMMENTARY BY JOSH BASHARA ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It just got easier to "backup" your from watching a cartoon based on Star favorite DVD movies ... Movie pirates have an upgraded weapon in their arsenal this week as DVD Decrypter 3.5.3.0 was released. The program is an updated release of the original DVD Decrypter, a free software (freeware) version that allows users to bypass the DeCSS (Decrypt Content Scrambling System) on commercial DVDs.

This essentially means the program hacks the DVD, allowing you to make a perfect copy. The program rips the entire contents of the DVD - movies, extras, menus and all - to your hard drive, ready to be manipulated as you wish.

Similar commercial programs DVD-X-Copy) have heavy fire from the Motion Picture Association of America, resulting in numerous lawsuits. Such commercial programs were forced by the courts to strip down their ripping capabilities, which resulted in inferior products. DVD Decrypter, however is freeware, which gives it much more room to breathe on the legal side. The program is easily available from numerous Web sites that can be found via a Google search.

You've gotta spend money to make money, boys ... We've been hearing the Recording Industry Association of America's (RIAA) claims for years: music piracy is killing the industry.

The biggest objection to this claim has been that recording industry isn't putting out enough material, and that the material it does release is less than spectacular. Well, we're finally starting to see some quantifiable proof of this.

The Australian Recording Industry Association, (similar to the RIAA) reported significant declines in music sales in 2004. According to a report released last week by the ARIA, "overall wholesale recorded music sales (including albums, singles and DVDs) were down almost 4 percent by volume, to 63.1 million units and the overall sales fell 6 percent to \$607 million."

What they don't tell you is the ARIA released 1,574 fewer albums, singles and DVDs in 2004 compared to 2003, according of the Clones, "Clone Wars" will leave to published music industry commentator

and Sydney University of Technology student Alex Malik.

The ARIA — along with our own RIAA, I suspect — has only itself to blame for declining music sales. There is just not enough variety out there anymore, and what we're left with is not all that appealing in the first place. Can anyone truly say they get as excited going to the record store as they did 10 years ago? I sure can't.

Filtering out the riff-raff ... As you may have heard, the RIAA employs a variety of tricks to fool file-sharers and would-be music pirates. The most common is "spoofing," which is essentially throwing a fake file into file-sharing networks.

Have you downloaded a song that was supposed to be what it's labeled, only to find that it was some other song or just a continuous garbled sound of screeches? That's a spoof. The RIAA put that file on the network to pollute the system in the hopes of deterring piracy. It figures that if you download enough spoofed files, you will get sick of it and just go out and buy the album.

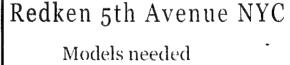
Well, a group at Cornell University is fighting back. The group has designed a project called Credence, which hopes to deter this network pollution. Without getting into a bunch of technical mumbojumbo, the way it basically works is by a ranking system.

Credence uses a complex set of algorithms to allow users to give a file a virtual thumbs-up or thumbs-down. Measures are taken within the algorithms to make sure that users can't falsely rank a file. In other words, the RIAA can't just rank all of its spoofed files with a thumbs-

LimeWire is one of the first file-sharing networks to utilize Credence, but you can be sure it won't be the last. Exeem, the successor of Suprnova.org, uses a similar system that allows users to comment on the integrity of a file.

Come on, do you really think these artists will be out on the street begging for money because of file-sharing? ... According to Web-based file-sharing research company BigChampagne.com, the top five traded songs during the week of March 14 to March 21 were:

- 1. Usher "Caught Up"
- Jennifer Lopez "Get Right"
- Mario "Let Me Love You"
- 50 Cent "Candy Shop"
- 5. The Killers "Mr. Brightside"

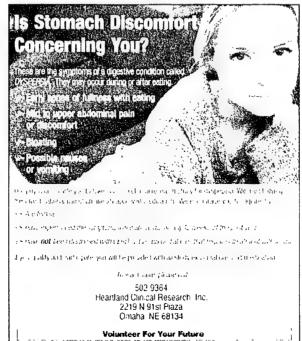


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Softball team hits stride in early tournaments

NATHAN LIFETE SPORIS LDHOR

The UNO softball team has jumped to a 14-7 start after three tournaments and a double header, with a five game win streak. At the Kennesaw State Owl Classic, the Mayericks dropped their first two games to Northern Kentucky and Kennesaw State, who were both ranked among the topfive teams in the country. The Mavericks played strong defense, only allowing five runs in the two games, but struggled to get hits, scoring only one run in the games. After the early losses the Mays recovered, winning the next final three games of the tournament. They crushed Southern Indiana 8-1, shut out Lenior-Rhyne 2-0 and squeezed by Wayne State (Mich.) 4-3.

UNO next traveled to St. Joseph, Mo. for the Missouri Western Tournament. The Mays' offense came out hot in the first three games of the tournament. In the first round UNO scorched the Bearcats of Northwest Missouri State 8-0. Truman State gave the Mays a bit of a challenge, scoring four runs in the second inning, but UNO battled back to win 6-4. The Mays got two runs early on Missouri Southern, then

relied on the defense to hold out and win 2-1. In day two of the tournament UNO was shutout in back-to-back 2-0 losses to No. 19 Emporia State and Washburn University. UNO gave up two runs in the third against Emporia State and was unable to recover. It was a scoreless game going into the top of the seventh when Washburn scored two runs for the win.

Over spring break the Mays traveled to Orlando, Fla. for the Rebel Spring games. The Mays posted a record of 6-3 in the tournament, outscoring their opponents 48-24. The Mays split day one against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and California (Pa.). SIUE put up five runs in the second and seven in the third to hand UNO a 12-3 loss. The Mays came back in game two taking advantage of mistakes by California and scoring nine runs on only Sara Sortino fouls off a pitch during Wednesdays game.



six hits in the 9-1 victory. In day two the Mays split games against Southern New Hampshire and Wayne State (Mich.). UNO beat Southern New Hampshire 3-L but then lost to Wayne State 5-4 in extra innings. UNO only played one game on day three due to rain, shutting out Wisconsin-Parkside 7-0 on nine hits. When play resumed two days later, UNO downed Truman State for the second time this season 4-2. In the second game Saint Leo held the Mays to just three hits, shutting UNO out 2-0. On the final day of the tournament, UNO showcased its offense shutting out Bryant 6-0 and hammering Massachusetts-Lowell 12-1.

On Wednesday, UNO hosted its first home game in a double header against Nebraska-Kearney. The Mays squeaked by the Lopers in the first game, winning 1-0. In game two UNO took UNK out 6-2.

UNO is off to a solid start and will travel to St. Joseph, Mo. once again this weekend for five games in the MWSC regional crossover. The Mavs will host home double headers against South Dakota on Tuesday and Wayne State (Neb.) on April 1 before their home tournament on

Spring practices prepare Mavericks After strong start, baseball team for next fall's football campaign

NATHAN LEETE SPORTS FOROR

Last year, the Maverick football team was the North Central Conference champion but still did not qualify for the NCAA playoffs. The team took its first steps towards rectifying that this week with the opening of spring drills.

'We've got a lot of things to work on for both sides of the ball," Head Coach Pat Behrns said. "It's too early to really say how we're gonna look. We've only had a couple of practices and those have been without pads. It's like trying to say how a basketball team looks in practice without a ball."

Behrns feels that a good spring session is essential to a successful season.

"You need to have a good (spring practice)," Behrns said. "If you have a good practice you come out of it with confidence. You come out of it with the knowledge of what you are going to be doing."

The spring drills will also be important to see how new personnel and players will fit into the team. It will be Defensive Coordinator Brad McCaslin's first chance to work with players on the field since he took the place of Fred Reed in February.

"It's very important for us schematically," Behrns said, "It's also very

important for us personnel wise. We have some personnel in different positions and it's the first chance to see how they will fit

Spring practice is also where younger players get their shot at making the team. Redshirt freshmen are vital to replacing graduated players and bringing new blood into a team. With a strong recruiting effort in the offseason, there's no shortage of young players on this year's team.

'We've got quite a few good freshmen," Behrns said. "We've almost got too many to tell who will be the most beneficial right now. We're looking for Reed Taylor to help out at cornerback. Also, Brady Nolan will be an interesting player to watch since he's moving from running back to cornerback."

This year's Mavericks have some big long-term goals in sight as well.

'It's always a goal to be conference champions," Behrns said. "We want to win I in game two proved more than the Mavs every game, to be in every game we play. We want to make the national playoffs, so we've got to do something different this

The Mays will continue spring practices through April 16, when they will have an

hits skid by losing four straight

ANGIE PECK STAFF WRITER

After beginning the season better than it ever had (14-4), the Maverick baseball team fell into a losing skid last weekend, dropping all four games.

Despite the losing streak, UNO's Chad Leon picked up the North Central Conference baseball player of the week honor. Leon hit .483 in seven games last week, with 11 RBI and 13 runs scored.

First on tap for the Mavs last weekend was No. 23 Emporia State. The Hornets handed UNO its first sweep of the season Saturday downing the Mavs 7-5 and 10-3.

In the opener, the Hornets broke a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the sixth inning with a two-run double and the Mavs could not recover in the seventh.

A five-run third inning for the Flornets could handle as Emporia State eased to a 10-3 win to complete the sweep.

The Mays arrived in Maryville, Mo. with a 10-4 record on the road, looking to stop a two-game losing streak. UNO dropped both games of a doubleheader to Northwest Missouri State, 9-7 and 6-4, extending their longest losing streak of the

The Bearcats jumped on the Mavs early scoring seven runs in the first two innings of the opener.

UNO rallied back off a Leon three-run home run in the fourth inning to bring the game within a run, but that was as close as the Mavericks would get.

The Bearcats added an insurance run in the fifth and then shutout the Mavs the rest of the game.

In the nightcap, UNO had a 3-2 lead going into the fourth but the Bearcats took over with a three-run fourth inning. Again the Mavs came close, loading the bases in the sixth but were only able to push across one run. The Bearcats picked up an additional run to bring it to the final 6-4

The losses bring the Mavs' record to 14-8. The next action for the UNO is a set of doubleheaders against Missouri Southern in Joplin, Mo. Tuesday and Pittsburg State in Pittsburg, Kan. Wednesday.

intrasquad scrimmage. The team will start their regular season on the road against Maverick baseball strikes contract Nebraska-Kearney on Aug. 27, a Saturday. to play at Boy's Town diamond

CHRISTEN HARRINGTON SUNIOR STAFF WRITER

After playing at several locations, including high school fields and community ballparks, the UNO baseball team raised enough money to finally land a home playing field.

After the Mavericks put up \$30,000-40,000, the Boys Town High School gave the team authorization rights to use its ballpark in a contract agreement for the next five years. Head UNO baseball coach Bob Herold was very excited after finding out that his team

received the opportunity to use Boys Town's ballpark as their home field. Boys Town High School is located at 13727 Flanagan Blvd.

"We never had an actual home field, so knowing that our team now has a place to play regularly does a lot for this program," Herold said.

One advantage the new home field will give the Mavericks is in recruiting.

"We have recruits who think our team still practices on our school's football field," Herold said.

Another advantage the new home field provides for the Mayerick baseball

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Bad day to be the Dean ...

that special day of the week. It is the one day that people tend to relax and worry about the important things in life.

But it is March, and that means the insanity of college basketball. Last weekend was the first of the NCAA Division I tournaments, and many Americans had the games on, biting fingernails with brackets getting busted.

With traditional powerhouses surviving the day, most basketball fans were relieved to know that their \$5 entries were still at the top of the company leader board.

Because of those powerhouses advancing, Dean Smith had the worst single-day in bracket history.

The Monday morning paper's two lead sports stories were Duke's Mike Krzyzewski breaking the record for career NCAA tournament victories and Tennessee's Pat Summitt tying the record for total career NCAA Division I wins. Sunday morning, Smith held both records.

It was bad enough to lose the tournament record, but former North Carolina coach Smith, had to lose it to a guy from Duke. That is like giving up your favorite toy to the neighborhood bully.

Tuesday morning, Smith at least had a share of one record. Tuesday night, even that was gone. Another childhood nightmare, he lost to a girl. Summitt scored career victory 880 to advance to the Sweet 16. The win came on her home court, which was named after her following the victory.

Pat has never lost a tournament game at "The Summitt." In 31 years of coaching at Tennessee, - the only regular coaching job she has had since the age of 22 - she's only lost 39 times at home. She has six NCAA championships, 24 Southeastern Conference titles and is 36-0 in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament. She has only lost a total of eight games before reaching the Final Four, a round she has made 15 times.

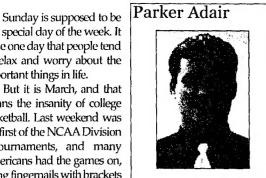
Still, she doesn't get the credit she deserves, as possibly the second greatest college basketball coach to ever live. John Wooden is etched in stone as number one, a non-arguable point.

Smith or Summitt? Who is number two? It is comparing blueberries to oranges, but we do it all the time with other sports arguments. Was the 1996 Chicago Bulls the best team ever, or was it the 1927 New York Yankees?

Nobody even touches what Summitt has done. She is the greatest women's coach of all time. Smith is one of the top-five men's coaches of all time, maybe. Summitt is a better women's coach than Smith (or any other coach not named Wooden) has ever been on

Smith won two NCAA titles. As pointed out on ESPN radio, he would have none if Fred Brown knew what team he was on in 1982 or if Chris Webber knew how many timeouts he had in 1993.

Those two fluke plays won him his ONLY championships. Ironically, it was another fluke play of a North Carolina team that is celebrated as the epitome of March basketball. The unforgettable Jim Valvano's NC State Wolfpack defeated the favored Houston Cougars "Phi



Can't Lose

Slamma Jamma" by winning the 1983 championship on an air ball. That was 22 years ago. Sunday, they beat defending national champion Connecticut en route to the Sweet 16. They could see UNC in the Elite Eight.

Valvano embodied that March Madness spirit. Filled with energy, he rushed onto the court after the win to hug his players. Less than 10 years later, he gave one of the most

emotionally charged speeches a coach has ever delivered.

Worn down by cancer, which would end his life just weeks later, Valvano said, "Don't give up. Don't ever give up."

In a weekend that saw Valvano's good friend Coach K pass another appreciated rival, Smith, it was another coach that inadvertently stole the show

Vermont Head Coach Tom Brennan pulled one of the biggest upsets of recent first-round memory. His Catamounts, led by three-time American East player of the year Taylor Coppenrath, defeated a fourth-seeded Syracuse team just two years removed from a national championship win.

Brennan gave all the credit to his players, and he just had fun with the entire thing. He was seen all over ESPN, joking with the anchors and saying he didn't care if they won or not. He was just having fun, enjoying his last games. Prior to this season, Brennan decided he would retire at the end of this year's run. He never looked like a guy that was sad to see it go. He was genuinely happy to have been there. Winning was a bonus, but the experience is what mattered.

Brennan admits he is not a spotlight guy, part of the reason he is retiring. Summitt has always given credit to her assistants, and she seemed embarrassed, yet tickled silly to have a court named in her honor. Smith coached North Carolina in that same manor. When he retired, he did so to the shadows. Coach K and Jimmy V are cut from that same mold. They are the great coaches, the ones that know that there is very little difference between winning and losing. That it is just how you are perceived.

Somewhere Sunday, Dean Smith watched some basketball. He didn't go on ESPN to say why he is the best coach ever. He let Krzyzewski and Summitt have their moments. Sunday, Brennan rode off into the sunset after his team was outscored by Michigan State - a team he jokingly proclaimed the best team in the country, because they beat his team.

The numbers are different, but their impacts are all important. All those coaches are winners, because of the way they have gone about their lives.

A bad day for Dean or a terrible day for Tom is still better than many of us could dream of having. Sunday gave host to a vast array of emotions from and for the greatest coaches of our time, spawning memories of tournaments past.

It is like Valvano said in that March 1993 ESPY speech, "If you laugh, you think and you cry every day, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day," Valvano said. "You do that seven days a week, and you're going to have something special."

Sunday was something special.



Mav Notes

COMPILED BY NATHAN LEETE SPORTS EDITOR

Mavericks extend win streak to five

The UNO tennis team extended its streak to five straight victories after defeating Chicago State and Rockhurst University over the weekend. The Mavericks downed the Cougars 7-2, only losing one singles match and one doubles match. Against the Lady Hawks, the Mavs lost only one singles match and swept doubles competition in an 8-1 victory. UNO is next in action when they host Southwest Baptist and Minnesota-Duluth this weekend at Hanscom Park.

McKenna named coach of the year

The National Association of Basketball Coaches named UNO Head Basketball Coach Kevin McKenna the North Central Regional Coach of the Year. McKenna is in his fourth year as the Mavericks head coach and led the Mavs to a 23-6 record and their second consecutive North Central Conference regular season title. Junior forward Ryan Curtis joined Coach McKenna in receiving regional awards when he was named to the NABC's all-region second

Vos, Kuster sweep weekly awards

UNO softball players Nicole Vos and Cheris Kuster swept the North Central Conference's weekly awards. Vos was named player of the week for her performance, going 8-for-16 at the plate. She racked up six RBIs with three multi-hit games. Kuster was named pitcher of the week, striking out 16 batters and not allowing a run in 18 innings on the mound. Kuster was 2-1 with only three walks and no multi-base hits.

UNO Wrestling team to host celebration in student center

Tuesday, the Maverick wrestling team will celebrate its second-consecutive national championship in the Milo Bail Student Center at 11a.m. Last year, Mayor Mike Fahey issued a proclamation honoring Maverick wrestling.

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Diversity education creates division, not understanding

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If you have no idea what you just read, you're not alone. It may reveal your lack of understanding of diversity, but if you attend lowa State, you're in luck. You are required to take a U.S. Diversity course – one of which, Women's Studies 203: Lesbian Cultures and Communities, is described above.

The complete list of these courses – all 205 of them – contains such titles as "Ethnicity, Gender, Class and the Media," "Sociology of Masculinities and Manhood" and "Housing Environments for Elderly and Disabled Persons."

The goal of requiring all students to take these courses, according to the university, is to "address significant manifestations of human diversity and provide students with insights that enhance their understanding of diversity among people." This statement conveys nothing. The reader is left in the dark as to the definition of "diversity," what constitutes "significant manifestations" of it, and, most importantly, why one should study it.

That "diversity" should be studied is usually taken for granted in academia.

The most common justification, if one is ever stated, is that understanding diversity is necessary to combat racism.

The actual effect of ethnic studies is the complete opposite. Because ethnic studies approaches subjects such as literature, art, and history by focusing solely on a specific group or race, it implicitly regards group status as a fundamental feature of human beings. This is akin to separating people of different races into distinct areas of study as one differentiates

between various species of animals in biology.

Racism, in the words of objectivist author Ayn Rand, "is the notion of ascribing moral, social or political significance to a man's genetic lineage." This error, in turn, leads to the hatred that most associate with

racism. Although ethnic studies is designed to combat hatred, it is still guilty of the basic error.

For example, a bigot would say "You're fundamentally different, therefore I hate you." Although someone involved with ethnic studies says, in effect, "You're fundamentally different, but that's OK." Thus the division of education into African American studies, Native American studies,

Latino studies, etc., acts to perpetuate racism by continuing to ascribesignificance to a person's genetic makeup.

The study of diversity as such is inherently misguided as a form of academic inquiry. When Isaac Newton felt the apple strike his head, he did not declare, "Ah ha! I shall embark upon a semester's study of the falling of green apples in European lesbian communities!" Instead, he recognized that falling apples in particular are insignificant because falling is a property of all objects, not just apples. He then integrated this fact into a principle, the law of gravity, which could explain the behavior of all objects in the world, regardless of location, race or sexual orientation."

This illustrates a basic feature of knowledge. If one wants to learn about gravity, he or she does not set out to study different kinds of apples. Rather, it is necessary to study a fundamental feature which all apples have in common – namely, that they fall. Similarly, if one wants to study

what constitutes good literature, or effective education, or a proper political system, it is necessary to study the fundamentals of those subjects.

Unless race and gender are taken to be fundamental aspects of literature, education and politics, courses like U.S. Multicultural Literatures, Multicultural Nonsexist Education and Latino Politics are at best distractions from the true issues and at worst perpetrators of racism and sexism.

In place of these courses, I'd like to propose a new program: human studies. Offerings would include courses on human history, human literature, human education, human psychology, human philosophy and human economics. In these courses, one could gain knowledge relevant to human life, regardless of race, sex or heritage. In these courses, human beings would be treated like the single species they are, rather than a conglomerate of arbitrary groups that coexist but are fundamentally and forever separated.



Letters to the editor: Response to March 22 Manic Digression on self-mutilation

Editor's note: Columnist Josh Bashara said in his article that he does not necessarily condone the act of cutting. He provided a personal account but did mention possible reasons for others cutting.

We are writing in response to Josh Bashara's opinion article, "Self-mutilation: a cutting-edge remedy for depression?" in the Tuesday, March 22 edition of *The Gateway*. As mental health professionals, we are very concerned about the message this article sends to people facing mental distress. It is an unhealthy and harmful way to deal with difficult emotions or situations. Self-injurious behavior is often a symptom of an undiagnosed mental illness or a disorder that requires treatment. This behavior can also be medically dangerous, may result in permanent injuries, and can cause serious infections.

It is truly unfortunate that Mr. Bashara did not feel that he could be helped to find alternative ways to deal with his emotional pain. It is often difficult to reach out to others in difficult times, and people who engage in self-injurious behavior often do so in secrecy. A cause of concern created from his article, however, is that there are many documented cases where cutting seems to be "contagious." An article like Mr. Bashara's can give the illusion that this is a safe and acceptable way to deal with emotional pain.

Mr. Bashara's article did not present the facts, causes, or treatment for selfinjurious behavior and may discourage people from getting the help they need.

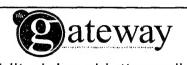
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address and contains a wealth of information and resources for this problem: www.palace. net/~llama/psych/injury.html or search Google with the key words "Secret Shame."

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While it is important to allow an open forum, it seems to be in poor judgment to have run this editorial without another perspective advocating the "other side," i.e. that of health care professionals and alternatives. I can understand how he could have found relief and comfort in "cutting". However, it doesn't make it a healthy outlet or one that should be recommended or promoted. Others out there are going to read this and get validation for the harm that they are doing to themselves; whether cutting, suffering from bulimia etc. Be careful that you allow people to express their views as well as providing an alternative view or even help options. No matter what is said, doing harm to oneself can never be "therapeutic".

> Erin Fender UNMC

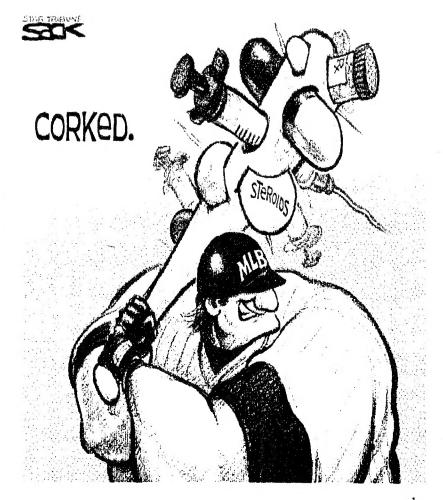


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team is hosting tournaments.

"With our team having a home field, we now have a chance to host a tournament, which will bring in a broader audience for this team," Herold said.

For the past 30 years, the UNO baseball team has had two ballparks as its primary home field. The Mavericks have played their games at the Westgate ballpark since 1975, and eventually moved to the Nomads ballpark in 1999. But the Mavericks have played at 25 different "home" locations in the past five years.

"We have played at Burke, Boyd, the Millard schools, Creighton and just about anywhere there was an open field," Herold said. Last year, the Mavericks hosted teams at Papillion-Lavista High's ballpark. In 2003, the Mavericks hosted teams at Ralston's and Millard West's ballparks and at Seymour Smith in 2002.

UNO will play its first game on their home field in a double-header against St. Cloud State on April 9 and 10.

Last season the UNO baseball team finished 23-26, but is now 14-8 on the season. Chad Leon earned the first North Central Conference selection as player of the week after his performance last week. The UNO junior had a hitting average of .483 (14 for 29) in seven games, collected 11 RBI and scored 13 runs while hitting two doubles and two homeruns.



